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Recognizing Project HOPE for 50 years of exceptional service to improve and save the lives of millions of children and adults in developing nations through humanitarian assistance and health education.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WOLF (for himself, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. COOPER, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. RANGEL, and Mr. SESTAK) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

Recognizing Project HOPE for 50 years of exceptional service to improve and save the lives of millions of children and adults in developing nations through humanitarian assistance and health education.

Whereas Project HOPE first pioneered medical diplomacy in 1958 by developing friendly relationships with health professionals and peoples of different cultures in developing nations through the sharing of medical knowledge and the care of patients both young and old;

Whereas Project HOPE's mission is to achieve sustainable advances in health care around the world by implementing health education programs and providing humanitarian assistance in areas of need;

Whereas Project HOPE is unique among international organizations in that it works across a variety of health levels, from the family and community levels to the tertiary care level, and provides training to a broad scope of health professionals from traditional birth attendants and community health volunteers to cardiac surgeons and biomedical engineers;

Whereas Project HOPE has trained more than 2,000,000 health care workers and distributed nearly \$2,000,000,000 of pharmaceuticals and medical supplies to people in need;

Whereas Project HOPE has vaccinated literally hundreds of thousands of children, and delivered health education and care to people in nearly 100 countries worldwide;

Whereas Project HOPE currently has ongoing, land-based programs in more than 35 countries and a unique sea-based program in partnership with the United States Navy that has provided care and health education to nearly 500,000 individuals through 9 humanitarian assistance missions to developing nations around the world;

Whereas Project HOPE's relationship with the United States military, and particularly the Navy, goes back to the organization's beginning when founder William B. Walsh, M.D. asked President Dwight D. Eisenhower to donate a United States Navy hospital vessel to serve as the first peacetime hospital ship, the SS HOPE;

Whereas over the past 5 decades, Project HOPE has demonstrated its ability to develop and permanently institute long-term solutions to pressing health problems, the true essence of helping people help themselves; and

Whereas Project HOPE remains as committed as ever to addressing the world's new health threats by playing a leadership role, forging new alliances among those on the frontlines of health and together seeking new solutions: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That House of Representatives recognizes
- 2 Project HOPE for 50 years of exceptional service to im-
- 3 prove and save the lives of millions of children and adults
- 4 in developing nations through humanitarian assistance
- 5 and health education.

